PATENT Docket No. 220.00010150

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Eric T. Kool Group Art Unit: 1635

Serial No.: 09/997,931 Examiner: Sean McGarry

Confirmation No.: 5355

Filed: November 30, 2001

For: CIRCULAR DNA VECTORS FOR SYNTHESIS OF RNA AND DNA

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from November 1, 2003 to December 1, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-4895 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No.13-4895.

## CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR §1.6(d) to the Patent and Trademark Office, addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on day of December, 2003, at

D Pro (Central Time).

Date

Respectfully submitted for

Eric T. Kool

By

Mucting, Raasch & Gebhardt, P.A.

P.O. Box 581415

Minneapolis, MN 55458-1415

Phone: (612)305-1220 Facsimile: (612)305-1228

Customer Number 26813

Victoria A. Sandberg

TJOHNSO4 00000002 134895

55.00 DA

09997931

01 FC:2251

Reg. No. 41,287

Direct Dial (612)305-1226